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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For (title): METHOD OF MANUFACTURING NOISE ATTENUATING
FLEXIBLE CUTTING LINE FOR USE IN ROTARY VEGETATION TRIMMERS

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n):

☒ Original

☐ Design

☐ Plant

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. §§ 119(e), 120 or 121)

☒ This new application is also a:

☐ Divisional

☐ Continuation

☒ Continuation-in-part (C-I-P)

of prior Application No. 09/943,248, filed on 08/29/2001, Examiner DOUGLAS
D. WATTS, Group Art Unit 3724, and claims the benefit of such prior U.S.
application(s).

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. § 1.153 (Design)
Application

33 Pages of specification

9 Sheets of drawing

8 Pages of claims

☒ formal

1 Pages of abstract

☐ informal

51 TOTAL PAGES

B. Oath or Declaration

☒ Newly executed (original or copy)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label No. **EU873359595US**.

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4. Additional papers enclosed

- ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))
☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional application and the assignment document for the parent application _____ was filed on _____, Reel _____, Frame _____.
☒ Power of Attorney

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)

- A.
- ☒
- Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED					
	Number Filed		Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a) \$ 770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	27	- 20 =	7	x \$ 18.00	\$126.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	9	- 3 =	6	x \$ 86.00	\$516.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))				+ \$ 290.00	0
FILING FEE CALCULATION					<u>\$1412.00</u>

6. Assertion of Small Entity Status

- ☒ Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
☒ Status as a small entity was asserted in the prior application 09/943,248, filed on 09/29/2001, from which benefit is being claimed for this application under: 35 U.S.C.
☐ § 119(e) ☒ § 120 ☐ § 121 ☐ § 365(c)
and which status as a small entity is still proper and asserted for this application.

FILING FEE CALCULATION (50% of A, B or C above) **\$706.00**

7. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

- ☒ Enclosed
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recording assignment (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)) | \$ <u>40.00</u> |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | \$ <u>746.00</u> |

8. Method of Payment of Fees

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- ☐ Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 502481.
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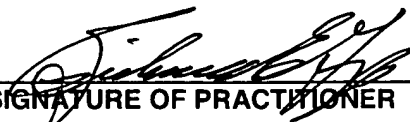
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